



1. **Membership:** The current membership (17 September 2024) is as follows:

	Name	Organisation
<b>Group A: Christian denominations, other than Church of England, other religions and their denominations reflecting the principal religions &amp; worldviews in the area (14)</b>		
1.	Kevin Pallister	Salvation Army
2.	Moira Dales	Roman Catholic
3.	Chris Richards	Humanist
4.	Deb Martin	Quaker
5.	M Qasim Hussain	Islam
6.	Ezekiel Alawale	Majority Black Led Churches
7.	Pvail Singh	Sikhism
8.	Norman Randall	Jewish
9.	Dr Ifran Malik	Ahmadiyya Muslim Association
10.	Fr Julian Lowe	Orthodox Church
11.	<b>VACANCY</b>	Baptist Church
12.	<b>VACANCY</b>	United Reformed Church
13.	<b>VACANCY</b>	Methodist Church
14.	<b>VACANCY</b>	Hinduism
<b>Group B: The Church of England</b>		
1.	Anne Lumb	Southwell and Nottingham Diocese
2.	Andrea Burrows	Lowdham Primary
3.	Kirsty Lacey	Bluecoat Aspley Academy (Secondary)
4.	Sarah Peek	St. Stephen's Primary
5.	Emmanuel Ofori	Governor, Berridge Primary & Bluecoat Aspley (Secondary)
6.	<b>VACANCY</b>	
<b>Group C: Teacher and Head Teacher Associations, and others representing educational interests (6)</b>		
1.	Louise Regan	National Education Union
2.	Nazia Iqbal	Chair of Governors, Middleton Primary
3.	Fiona Maciel	Governor, Carrington Primary
4.	Samia Ishaque	Governor, Middleton Primary
5.	Ambreen Razak	Chair of Governors, Snape Wood Primary
6.	<b>VACANCY</b>	
<b>Group D: The Local Authority (6)</b>		
1.	Councillor Cheryl Barnard	Bulwell Forest Ward
2.	Councillor David Mellen	Dales Ward
3.	Councillor Angela Kandola	Berridge Ward
4.	Councillor Samina Riaz	Lenton and Wollaton East
5.	Councillor Saj Mohammed	Mapperley Ward
6.	Councillor Farzana Mahmood	Radford Ward

**SACRE has received the following resignations**

- **GROUP A:** Martin Bennett (Salvation Army) Krishna Dasi (Hinduism) Anna Ratcliffe (Baptist)
- **GROUP B:** Alison Millbank
- **GROUP C:** Leanne Harwood, Claire Al-Hussaini
- **GROUP D:** Cllr Neghat Khan

**Recommendation**

It is proposed that SACRE endorse the following new members proposed by the Local Authority.

**Group A:** Kevin Pallister, Salvation Army and **Group D:** Cllr Samina Riaz (Lenton & Wollaton East)

Kevin Pallister is commended by the Salvation Army for this role. He has a wealth of experience in connecting faith to the local community in the City, being a governor at Highbank Primary School and a trustee of Hope, Nottingham. He has a longstanding interest in work with young people and has a qualification in Contemporary Chaplaincy.

## 2. School Attendance and Absence for Religious Observance

SACRE members will be aware that all schools work hard to support families and ensure pupils attend regularly so that they have the best possible outcomes in terms of attainment and social and emotional well-being. We have been approached by the Education Welfare Service (EWS) who would like SACRE to consider producing guidance for schools and families on absence from school for religious observance, as other SACRE's have done; See attached document from Harrow SACRE.

The Education Welfare Service suggest that this would help:

- Alleviate confusion for parents and schools alike with any uncertainty on which days can be authorised for religious observance
- Parents have confidence in their rights and the limits to what is agreed ahead of any requests for absence for pupils.
- Schools and admin staff have a more consistent approach across the LA, and more structured guidance would help schools take responsibility for their decisions on authorising or unauthorizing absences.
- Reduce the queries from parents to the EWS team and also save schools from contacting religious bodies independently multiple times for this information, by being a single source of information.
- Reduce inconsistent approaches and the potential for legal challenge to the Local Authority when schools act without guidance.

**Recommendation:** For discussion at SACRE meeting, September 2024. A member of the Education Welfare Team will be in attendance.